Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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H.E. Mr. Pascal Lamy Director-General World Trade Organization Rue de Lausanne 154 1211 Geneva 21 Switzerland

Dear Director-General Lamy:

Thank you for your response to our letter of January 3 in which we expressed our concern about the lack of progress in the services market access pillar of the Doha Round.

We remain very concerned by the failure of the services negotiating group to produce a strong statement of ambition. Time is running out for WTO Members to demonstrate that they are as committed to success in services market access as they are in agriculture and NAMA. It is essential that WTO Members understand that agreement on a services text as well as participation in a signaling conference under your leadership are linked to agreement on modalities for agriculture and NAMA, with all three moving forward together. We request that you energetically use your good offices to achieve that result.

We share your view that a services text "in itself will not be sufficient to ensure satisfactory results" and that "achievement of ambitious results in the services market access negotiations will depend on the extent of engagement of individual Members in the bilateral and plurilateral request/offer negotiations." Recent reports of progress in the agriculture and NAMA discussions have highlighted the unhappy fact that there has been no progress in obtaining better services offers. We are growing increasingly concerned that many WTO Ministers are not fully aware of the U.S. position. Let us be clear. Services liberalization, meaning real progress toward binding of existing market access plus new market access, is essential to the ultimate success of the Doha Round. Success limited to the agriculture and NAMA negotiations will be insufficient to convince the Congress that the Doha Round has met its objectives.

In order to achieve meaningful services liberalization, services negotiations must be linked to agriculture and NAMA in the upcoming Ministerial-level discussions. These simultaneous discussions must produce clear signals of improved liberalization offers. In our opinion, this is the only way to bring the Doha Round to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

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